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C O N F I D E N T I A L SOFIA 1699

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, JA, BU
SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF NEW BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

1. EMBOFF INFORMED TODAY BY SECONDSECRETARY OF JAPANESE EMBASSY IN SOFIA THAT GOJ HAS INFORMALLY APPROVED THE ASSIGNMENT OF AMBASSADOR TODOR PETKOV DICHEV, MOST RECENTLY BULGARIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO MBFR TALKS IN VIENNA, AS THE NEW BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN. JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE CONSIDERS DICHEV THE BEST JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEAKER IN THE MFA, AS A RESULT OF HIS FORMAL TRAINING IN THE SOVIET UNION, A PRIOR TOUR IN JAPAN AS PRESS AND CULTURAL ATTACHE FROM 1963 TO 66, AF AS PROTOCOL OFFICER IN 1970 AT THE BULGARIAN PAVILION AT THE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION IN OSAKA.

2. DICHEV VISITED THE UNITED STATES AS A TOURIST IN 1970 AND AS AN INTERPRETER IN 1971. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH, RUSSIAN, GERMAN AND JAPANESE. HE IS MARRIED AND HIS WIFE IS AN ARTIST WITH THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL THEATER.

3. DICHEV IS WELL KNOWN TO THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE FROM HIS SERVICE AS CHIEF OF THE JAPANESE SECTION OF THE FIFTH DEPT. X THE MFA SINCE CIRCA 1967. DICHEV REPLACES AMBASSADOR RUMEN SLAVEYKOV SERBEZOV, WHO RETURNED TO BULGARIA IN JULY 1978 AFTER SERVING IN JAPAN FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS.

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4. DICHEV WAS BORN ON [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014] IN SOFIA, BULGARIA.
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